

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

**MISSION:** The Board advises the director and requests from the director information it deems necessary. The Board makes rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the Department of Health Services for the protection and preservation of public health.

**FORMATION AUTHORITY:** A.R.S. § 36-183.

**COMPOSITION:** A.R.S. § 36-183 “C: In a county having five Supervisorial districts, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint a board of eleven members consisting of a member of the Board of Supervisors, a physician licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13, or 17 and five citizen members selected for their interest in public health, each citizen member to be a resident of a different supervisorial district so that all five supervisorial districts in the county will have representatives on the board. In addition, four citizen members shall be appointed from the county at large. The term of office of the physician member and each member appointed pursuant to this subsection shall be for four years. E. Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of a board caused other than by expiration of term shall be for the unexpired portion of the term. F. The director of a county or city-county health department shall serve, without vote, as an ex officio member of the board. G. Citizen members appointed pursuant to this section shall not be county health department employees.” In addition see Bylaws, Article IV.

**DUTIES AND POWERS:** Bylaws, Article III: The Board of Health shall recommend rules, regulations and ordinances to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors for adoption and enforcement in the county and perform other duties consistent with state law. In this role, the Board of Health is not limited to the following duties, but may: 1. Advise the local health department director and request from the director information it deems necessary. 2. Advise the Board of Supervisors regarding suitable officer, facilities and equipment for health department. 3. Annually, before May 1 each year, estimate the cost of maintaining the local health department for ensuing fiscal year, and also the amounts of money that may be available from unexpended surpluses from grants or donations. The estimates shall be submitted in the form of a budget on or before May 1 each year to the Board of Supervisors. 4. Review, recommend, or adopt a schedule of reasonable fees to be collected by the department for issuing or renewing licenses or permits for other services as are authorized by law and the rules of the director of the department of health services or the director of environmental quality, subject to the provisions of A.R.S. § 36-187. Any such fee or schedule shall be approved by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. 5. Serve as a forum for appeals of the health officer’s decision on variances from the parts of Chapter VI, Bathing Places, which are more restrictive than Arizona State Administrative Code. 6. Cooperate with local Chambers of Commerce and other interested persons or organizations and hold public hearings. 7. Serve as a forum for appeals, revocations, or suspensions of permits issued by the health department, as may be required by law. 8. Address issues regarding public health when they arise within the context of the County’s responsibility for the social and human services of its residents. B. These are the powers and duties as they relate to the Maricopa Managed Care Systems. The Board of Health is an advisory board for the Maricopa Managed Care Systems. As such, it shall: 1. Monitor and oversee the cost of care provided to enrollees. 2. Advise the county Board of Supervisors on all matters relating to the Maricopa Managed Care Systems.

**MEETINGS:** The Board of Health shall hold an annual meeting in July. Monthly or quarterly and special meetings may be held on the call of the President, the director of the local health department, or any two members. The Board of Health and any committee or subcommittee shall comply with applicable provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 38, Chapter 3, Article 3.1.

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